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 METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE )  
 PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID )  
 ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE )

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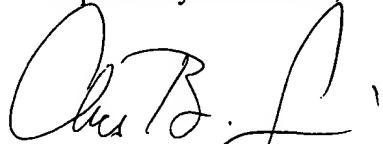
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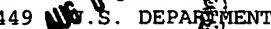
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